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The Charge drawn up againſt Sir Richard Gurnet, *Lord Maior of London.*

THe Lord Major of *London*, having contrary to his Oath, publiſhed the Kings Proclamation, concerning the *Commiſſion of Array*, being Declared by both Houſes to be illegall, to be proclaimed in the City; where he without the conſent of *Parliament* publiſhed the ſame, which having done, he was ſent for by both Houſes, to anſwer the aforeſaid Contempt, where he making his appearance, was examined, but ſtill deferred to the Houſes further leyſure, they ſitting *Thurſday*, *Friday* and *Saturday*, to perfect the Charge againſt the ſaid Major of *London*, where they fully con-

concluded of the same, and Ordered, that he should attend the *Houses pleasure on Munday next*, to answer to the Charge which they had drawn up against him, for being a Mover of Sedition in the Kingdom, *where making his appearance, and not answering to the said Charge, he was committed to the Tower by Order and Command of both Houses of Parliament*, July 11. 1642.

His Maiesties Command to the Earl of Warwick, Admirall of the Kings Navie.

The placing of Officers by the Honourable Court of *Parliament*, without the consent of His Majesty, hath been the Cause of many Distempers arising from his Majesties Royall Breast, all which being for the good and safety of the whole Kingdome, by reason of the great danger this Kingdom was in, and the great hazzard of ruine that was like to befall this Nation, had not they out of their judicious care took into consideration the dan-

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ger that were like to inſue, happy are we to eſcape ſuch a deſign,

His Majeſty taking into conſideration, the Government of his Navie Royall, his will and pleaſure was, That Sir *John Pennington* ſhould have the place of Admiral ſhip reſigned unto him, being againſt his Majeſties will and pleaſure, that the Earl of *Warwicke* ſhould enjoy that place any longer, and to that end and purpoſe did ſend a Meſſage to the Earl of *Warwicke* to give up his place, and that he ſhould obey his ſpeciall Command, which was, that he ſhould reſign his place to S. *John Pennington*, the ſaid Sir *John* being neer unto him, expecting the Receit therof.

His Majeſty were likewiſe Reſolved, that he ſhould not enjoy that place any longer, but that He ſhould obey his Command therin.

The Earl of *Warwicke* having received this Meſſage and Command from his Majeſty, wherin was ſpecified his full Reſolution and intention, being much perplexed, thinking and conceiving it a matter

matter of no ſmall conſequence, which he was entruſted with, being for the defence of HIs Majeſties Royall Perſon, and the ſafeguard of the whole Kingdom, knowing the integrity of his own heart both to His Majeſtie and the Parliament, he reſolved not to deſert that charge committed to his truſt, wherein God ſince his beginning hath proſpered him with ſuch happy and fortunate ſucceſſe; and therefore he ſet down his full Reſolution, that he would not reſigne that place, but to continue it; nntill he ſhould be revoked by that Authoritie which hath entruſted him with it.

Which Reſolution he declared likewiſe to all His *Ma*jeſties Captains, at a meeting which he had appointed for that purpoſe; and at the ſame time, they unanimouſly and cheerfully took the ſame Reſolution; taking many ſolemn Vowes and Proteſtations, to continue the ſame as long as breath remained in their bodies, and that they would for the performance thereof, ſeale it with their

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deareſt blood; being a token and witneſſe of their fervent love and affection, which they beare both to their King and Country, vowing to maintain the ſame to the utmoſt of their power.

And that His Perſon which the Honourable Houſe of Peeres and Commons, had ſet over them to be their Governour, meaning the Right Honourable the Earl of *WARWICK*, ſhould never take the leaſt blemiſh, ſo long as they were eable to performe any ſervice to his Lordſhip, the Reſolution of them being ſo conſtant and true, that ſuch men of ſpirits were never known, which we muſt all attribute to the great God of Heaven and Earth only. So I beſeech the Lord of Heaven to continue them in the ſame Minds and Reſolutions, which they have moſt faithfully and unanimouſly expreſſed to the vaſt world, ingenerall.

All Nations admiring at the Courage of thoſe men, thinking it to be the wonderfull work of God, that ſuch courage and truth ſhould ever into the heart of man,

man; but we must think and conceive with our selves, that it was the Lords will and pleasure, to endue those Christian hearts with such gracious and omnipotent gifts.

Thus may we all see, the miraculous Actions and Proceedings which the Lord entrusteth with his servants.

The Proceedings in *Yorkshire and Lancashire the last week*, were very tumultuous, there appearing divers in a warlike manner in those Counties. *But praised be God, although wee have but little comfort here in* England, *yet we have most happy and ioyfull News from* Ireland, *the Earl of* Ormond *having fought a great Battell with the Rebels, putting above* 2000. *to the sword, with little losse, the which Letter was read in the House of Commons on Saturday last, and Ordered to be forthwith Printed.*

Hen. Elsing Cler. Par. D. Com.

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John Brown Cler. Parl.